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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Your Cambodian Statement: Reference to
Enemy's Tactics on U. S. Casualties

In the last paragraph of page 6 of the draft statement I sent you last night, there is a reference to the enemy's belief in the importance of inflicting high U. S. casualties. Following is a quotation from an article in the North Vietnamese military journal which was broadcast to enemy forces in South Vietnam and picked up by FBIS. The way in which this article was written indicates that it reflects high-level North Vietnamese political and military strategy.

"The southern revolutionary armed forces continue to attack U. S. troops; to direct vigorous and painful blows at them; to inflict heavy casualties on them; to undermine their morale so they will be unable to provide a prop for the puppet troops and for the Vietnamization policy; to annihilate their strength very extensively; to increase their casualties far beyond the 100-a-week level, which the U. S. ruling clique has considered bearable; to extensively destroy U. S. war equipment; to shoot down aircraft, especially helicopters; to attack enemy tanks and armored cars; to fire at and sink enemy riverine craft; to destroy U. S. troops' storage facilities so as to create many difficulties in logistic supply movement; and to restrict their strongpoints."

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